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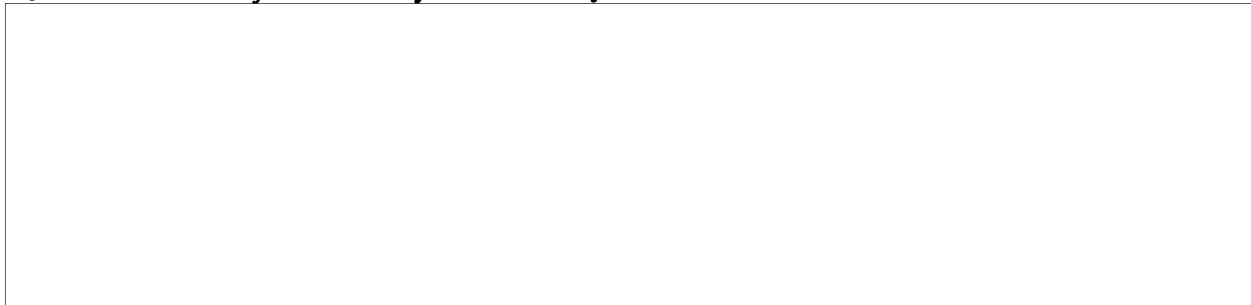
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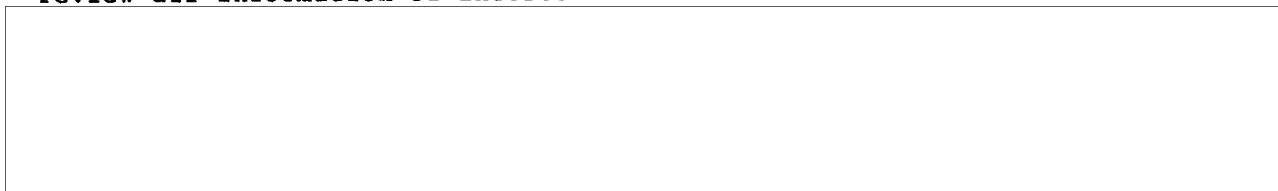
Dear Dr. Hatcher:

Your letter of 22 July to this Agency requested that we clarify our position regarding the use of "CAS" in classified documents.

Our position is that the acronym "CAS" itself has been compromised and is no longer considered classified. This does not mean, however, that its use is also unclassified. The acronym "CAS" now must be read as the equivalent of "CIA" and the context within which it appears must be considered very carefully before any declassification action can be



Regarding review for declassification, our policy is that we want to review all information of interest to CIA before it is declassified.



We hope that the above explanation is helpful. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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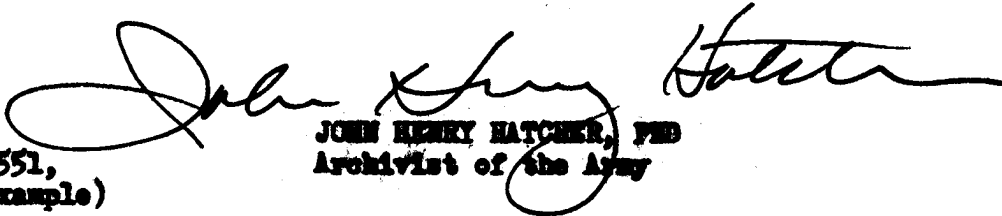
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Please clarify the CIA position regarding "CAS".

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Message, MAC 12551,
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